

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, claims 1, 3, 8-10, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Crockett, claims 2, 11, and 16 were rejected under §103(a) as being obvious over Crockett in view of Yanai, claim 4 was rejected under §103(a) as being obvious over Crockett in view of Nelson and claims 6, 7, 12, 13 and 18 were rejected under §103(a) as being obvious over Crockett in view of Galipeau. Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable.

The Applicant filed an Response on June 23, 2006, amending, canceling and adding claims. The present Response supplements that Response to place the application in condition for allowance. To that end, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of allowed claim 5 and intermediate claim 4, both of which have been cancelled. In addition, claims 2, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended to their form at the time the Office Action was mailed (and prior to the changes made in the June 23 Response). Finally, the word "first" (used in the phrase "first communication link") had been inserted in the preamble and the recital of the second element of claim 1 in the June 23 Response to resolve a potential ambiguity; this remains in Claim 1.

The undersigned has reviewed the art made of record but not relied upon and believes it to be of only background interest.

The claims are believed to be allowable and the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fees are believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees, and any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted, \



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